

Please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims

Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number, and cancel claims 2-3 and 25-29 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer.

1. (Once amended) A method for processing sending information in a sending device, comprising:

receiving an entry input by a user into the sending device, the entry comprising sending information that identifies a destination to which information is to be sent by the sending device;

cross-referencing the user-entered sending information with a contacts database that contains recipient sending information of the user to determine if the user-entered sending information matches sending information saved in the contacts database; and

automatically caching the user-entered sending information in the contacts database if the user-entered sending information has not been previously saved.

4. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the contacts database is stored within sending device memory.

5. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing previously saved sending information to the user if it matches sending information entered by the user.

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6. (Once amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the previously saved sending information was automatically cached by the device.

7. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the sending device is a digital sender capable of emailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

9. (Once amended) A method for processing sending information in a sending device, comprising:

receiving an entry by a user with the sending device and determining the identity of the user from the entry;

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receiving sending information entered by the user that identifies a destination to which information is to be sent by the sending device;

cross-referencing the sending information entered by the user with a contacts database that contains recipient sending information of the user to determine if the user-entered sending information matches sending information saved for that user;

providing previously saved sending information to the user as a selection option if sending information entered by the user matches the previously saved sending information; and

automatically caching the user-entered sending information in the contacts database if the user-entered sending information has not been previously saved.

10. (Once amended) The method of claim 9, wherein receiving an entry by a user with the sending device comprises receiving log in information.

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11. (Once amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the contacts database is stored within sending device memory.

12. (Once amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the previously saved sending information was automatically cached by the device.

15. (Once amended) A sending information processing system, comprising:

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logic configured to receive sending information entered by a user that identifies a destination to which electrical information is to be sent;

logic configured to cross-reference the user-entered sending information with a contacts database that contains recipient sending information of the user to determine if the user-entered sending information matches sending information saved for that user in the database; and

logic configured to automatically cache the user-entered sending information in the contacts database if the user-entered sending information has not been previously saved.

16. (Once amended) The system of claim 15, further comprising logic configured to provide previously saved sending information to the user if it matches user-entered sending information.

17. (Once amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the previously saved sending information is obtained from the contacts database.

20. (Once amended) A sending information processing system, comprising:

means for receiving through entry by a user sending information that indicates a destination to which information is to be sent;

means for cross-referencing the user-entered sending information with a contacts database that contains recipient sending information of the user to determine if the user-entered sending information matches sending information saved in the database for that user; and

means for automatically caching the user-entered sending information in the contacts database if the user-entered sending information has not been previously saved.

21. (Once amended) The system of claim 20, further comprising means for providing previously saved sending information to the user if it matches sending information entered by the user.

22. (Once amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the previously saved sending information is obtained from the contacts database.

Please add the following *new* claim:

30. (Newly added) The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to receiving an entry input by the user, determining an identity of the user.